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## Falls Church City Celebrates Community Development Week April 9-15, 2007

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – The Falls Church City Council has declared the week of April 9-15, 2007 as Community Development (CD) Week. CD Week is a national celebration of the federal Community Development Block Grant program. The City receives an annual CDBG grant award for a variety of activities that benefit the City, especially residents with low and moderate incomes.

This year's Community Development Week marks the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the CDBG program in the City. CDBG is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's principal federal program that provides grants to states, cities, and towns to improve physical, social, and economic conditions in communities. City Council proclaimed this week as CD Week to encourage all citizens to recognize the CDBG program and the important role it plays in our community.

The grant is used to fund activities such as public services, housing rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance, and economic development activities. Funds are awarded through a competitive process to eligible public agencies and nonprofit and for-profit organizations. The City sponsors an annual grant application in August for which local service organizations are encouraged to apply.

The City has administered and customized the CDBG program to identify, prioritize and resolve pressing local problems, such as the shortage of affordable housing, neighborhood and human service needs, and physical redevelopment.

If you would like to learn more about the City's CDBG program or CDBG-funded activities, please contact the City of Falls Church Housing and Human Services Division at 703-248-5005 (TTY 711) or visit www.fallschurchva.gov/services/hhs/communitydevblockgrant.html.

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